

# MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

## SAGINAW COUNTY

This listing for Saginaw County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

### COUNTY-WIDE

#### **Volunteer Services**

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#### **Program Description:**

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc.**

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#### **Program Description:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Saginaw Bay Area provides one-on-one traditional mentoring, school-based mentoring, on-site programs. Mentees can be elementary, middle or high school students. Their newest initiative is the Amachi program, which mentors children of incarcerated parents. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves 2-4 hours per month during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

### **ExperienceSeniorPower.com**

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#### **Program Description:**

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **Family Youth Initiative**

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#### **Program Description:**

The Family Youth Initiative, for young people ages ten through 17, includes group and e-mentoring activities. The group provides weekly opportunities that will direct youth into socially positive and responsible behavior. Youth are encouraged to develop and improve their academic, social, and interpersonal skills. Volunteers are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves eight hours per month during afterschool, evening, and weekend hours.

### **Michigan Youth Leadership Forum**

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#### **Program Description:**

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **READ Association of Saginaw County**

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#### **Program Description:**

READ helps preschool and elementary school students who struggle with reading by motivating them to want to read. The program uses one-on-one and peer mentoring to enhance the youth's confidence and self-esteem so they can read at their respective grade level. READ strives to instill in all children a love of reading and the value of becoming a lifelong reader. The children share individual reading time with a volunteer mentor for 30 to 60 minutes per week from October through May. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a three to nine month commitment, which involves two to four hours per month during afternoon or evening hours.

### **Volunteer Centers of Michigan**

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## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **YMCA of Saginaw - After-School Program**

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#### **Program Description:**

The YMCA of Saginaw's After-School Program has mentors working with preschool, elementary, middle, and high school youth on homework, sports, crafts, etc. Youth members participating in the After-School Program are also eligible for field trips. In the Youth Super Sports Program, youth begin to learn sport skills beginning at age three. Most volunteer coaches are parents and the season is played so learning is most important. Everybody plays, everybody wins. Resident and Day Camps provide youth with positive activities during the summer months. Aquatics include swimming lessons, swim team, water safety, etc. Group, team, peer, and e-mentoring activities provide instruction and education for members enrolled in classes. Volunteer are expected to make a three month commitment, and involvement ranges from two to 16 hours per month during a time that meets the volunteer's schedule.

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### **Family Youth Initiative (FYI)**

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#### **Program Description:**

The Family Youth Initiative mentor program strives to keep elementary, middle, and high school youth off of drugs, in safe environments (Safe Houses), and in school. The program works with youth and their families to build strong relationships and to develop a commitment to community service. The activities include one-on-one, group, peer, team, and e-mentoring. Volunteers are expected to make a two year commitment, which involves two to four hours per month during afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.